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Filmmaker Vikram Yashpal to Appear at Screening of His Film “Trade Offs” at the Central Library

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will host a screening of the film “Trade Offs” on Monday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Writer, director and producer Vikram Yashpal will be in attendance and will facilitate a discussion of his film. Yashpal strongly believes in realistic cinema, though presented in a non-patronizing way. He is an accomplished theater artist with over ten years of experience in theater and has recently hosted a South Asian radio show titled “My Gupshup” in Southern California. “Trade Offs” is Vikram’s directorial debut.

“Trade Offs” is about challenging traditions. It deals dramatically with ethnic identity: a woman defies the burdensome expectations to be a traditionally feminine and compliant Indian wife. She often questions the “right” of men to make choices on her behalf and discovers a sense of individuality after coming to the United States. For the male protagonist, it challenges the age-old values of “working hard without an ulterior motive of gaining wealth.”

In the movie, rules are broken, boundaries between right and wrong are blurred, and choices are made that leave a lasting impression on the relationship between the newly weds.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/>.

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